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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS  
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
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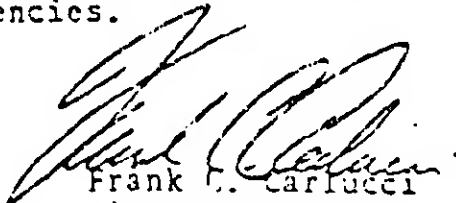
SUBJECT: Preparation of Net Assessments and the Provisions of  
U. S. Force Data to the CIA

In a recent meeting the Secretary and Director of Central Intelligence reached agreement that, beginning this year, NIE 11-3/8 and other national estimates on Soviet military forces will display only Soviet forces. It was further agreed that net assessments, when undertaken, would be published under the joint auspices of the Secretary of Defense and Director of Central Intelligence. Further, distribution of such net assessments will be very limited and agreed to mutually.

It was agreed that there will be a brief net assessment of U.S. and Soviet forces to be prepared on an annual basis. The Intelligence Community and the Department of Defense will make this a collaborative effort and the first assessment of this type will be published immediately following the publication of NIE 11-3/8. Within DoD the Director of Net Assessment will be primarily responsible for this effort. He will work closely with other OSD staff elements and with the JCS.

Based on this agreement, no Defense Department element, whether OSD, Services or Joint Staff, should independently undertake to produce what might be considered a net assessment.

At the same meeting, the Secretary agreed that the Department of Defense will provide a much freer flow of U.S. force data to the Intelligence Community. This is necessary inasmuch as such information is essential in helping to guide and to inform U.S. intelligence collection efforts and analyses. The Director of Central Intelligence, in turn, agreed that the CIA would respect any Defense caveats on the use of any data thus provided with regard to the publishing of such information or its dissemination to other agencies.

  
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